

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is requested. After entry of this reply, claims 133, 134, 136-142, 144-150 and 152-189 are pending in the application. Claims 133, 134, 137-141, 148-149, 156-167, 169, 171-175, 180, 181, 187-189 are amended. Claims 1-132 have been previously cancelled. This response is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

A telephonic interview occurred on February 9, 2009 wherein the Examiner and Applicants representative, Joseph J. DiDonato were participants. Applicants' representative appreciates the Examiner time and comments in this interview.

Claim Rejection under 35 USC § 112, 2nd Paragraph

The Examiner rejects claim 133, 134, 136-138, 140-142, 144-146, 148-150, 152-154, 156-172, 174-179, 181-186, 188 and 189 under 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention.

The Examiner rejects claims 133 as being unclear, vague and indefinite as to what "instructions" are being referenced in the claim. The Examiner inquires whether the Applicants are referring to "instructions for generating one or more database systems or something else"?

As discussed in the Interview, it was agreed the meaning is "instructions for generating one or more database systems".

The Examiner rejects claims 134 as being unclear, vague and indefinite as to what "instructions" are being referenced in the claim. The Examiner inquires whether the Applicants are referring to "semantic definitions or something else"?

As discussed in the Interview, and summarized in the Interview Summary dated 2/10/09, the Examiner will review the term “instructions” as supported by the specification and perform an additional search for any art based on the definition of “instructions” in the application.

The record illustrates that the term “instructions” is properly defined within the application for support in the claims. As previously discussed, an example of “generating tables” is described on page 21 lines 13 through 16 which states:

At block 230, the enterprise manager 102 issues the table generation statements to the database upon which the datamart 150 is being created. That database creates the tables, which correspond to the datamart 150. After block 230, the build the datamart process 202 is complete.

This example illustrates the definition of “instructions” is based on an “operation” being performed to obtain a result, e.g. creation of the tables.

Applicants respectfully submit one of skill in the art would appreciate the term “instructions” as it is being used in claims 133, 134 and claims 136-138, 140-142, 144-146, 148-150, 152-154, 156-172, 174-179, 181-186, and 189 which the Examiner believes have the same problem, based on an appreciation of the specification and the application as a whole.

The Examiner requests the Applicants “point out” where a business database system is found in the specification. The Examiner recognizes that elements exist which might suggest business database but nothing specifically references a business database system.

As agreed in the Interview, Applicants have amended the phrase “business database system” to “database system for business”. This phrase is supported throughout the specification wherein the database is created for use in business.

Accordingly, Applicants believe all 35 USC § 112, 2nd paragraph issues have been satisfactorily addressed and respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner objects to the specification because on page 11, line 10, it is unclear whether the term “and” is supposed to be in the sentence.

Applicants have reviewed the specification at page 11, line 10 and did not find this error. As agreed in the Interview the term “arid” should be “and”. This is a typographical error and Applicants suggest it be amended by Examiner’s Amendment. If this is not possible, Applicants request the Examiner forward the full page of the specification or amendment wherein this error appears for amendment by the Applicants.

Accordingly, Applicants believe the objection has been satisfactorily addressed and should be withdrawn.

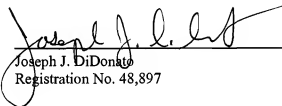
CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that pending claims 133, 134, 136-142, 144-150 and 152-189 are allowable, that the application is in condition for allowance, and request that the Examiner issue an early notice of allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, upon her further review and examination of this application, should any further clarification or formalities exist. Perhaps the requirements can be satisfied by Examiner's Amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment of the fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 02-2555.

Respectfully submitted,

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